nts, \$295,000, a net indebtedness of

y public act approved March 4, 1915 from this was done by paying to the hited States \$10.623.75; to the miscelaneous trust fund deposits fund \$51.-65.22, and to the permit fund \$1,759.93; tall, \$63.939.96; all of which was paid from this tirk true to the permit fund \$1.

Revenues and Appropriations. The total revenues of the District for

year amounted to \$8.041,529.68.

required to be reimbursed to the United states on account of transactions relating to former years the District would have had during 1915 over a million Fiscal Relations of the District of

Columbia to the United States, and Accounting Thereunder.

Attention is again invited to the de

eccivable by the District for taxes, work is set pectal assessments and similar items. statement. special assessments and similar items, statem special assessments and similar items. Statem special assessments are issued an order of this control of the special spe

celpts. The object of the order so issued is provide that all taxes and assess-ents due the District of Columbia are duly recorded and under accounting control. It further provides for a sys-

tematic handling of the details of the vari-ous classes of accounts with respect to

deficiencies in prior years: Adjustment of Washington Market Company rentals, 1578 to 1914, \$166,012.50; care and treatment of District patients at Freedinen's Hospital, 1906 to 1913, \$37,996.70; advances made during 1877 and 1878 to hay interest on 3.65 bonds, \$586.067.23; costs of condemnation, Meridian Hill Park, \$7.20; interest on park advances for fiscal year of \$792,372.13.

In addition to the foregoing sum there was charged to the District, in the regular appropriation account, the tone-half of advances made during the fiscal years 1914 and 1915 from the Treasury for the new Columbia Hospital building, \$137,153.76.

During the year there was retired \$421,150 of 3.65 bonds, and investment made of the sinking-fund appropriation in United States 3 pes cent Panama canal bonds at par, \$295,000. Adding to the foregoing sums the amount of detail work, the time consumed with which could be more profitably employed in their important duties in matters directly relating to taxes and assessments are accurately accounted for.

In this connection the Commissioners recommend legislation authorizing the transfer of all accounts relating to the bookkeeping, accounting and collection of taxes, the collector of the collector of taxes, the collector to be charged with the duties and responsibilities in this regard now imposed in administration would relieve the assessor and his assistants of a great amount of detail work, the time consumed with which could be more profitably employed in their important duties in matters directly relating to taxes and assessments are accurately accounted for.

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In this connection the Commissioners recommend legislation authorizing the tran taxes the District's system would then be in keeping with the practice which obtains in other municipalities.

Cash Retents Withheld Under Dis-

It is recommended that the taking of cash retents of 10 per cent of the cost ers were authorized and of work under District contracts for ted to adjust shortages in sundry public works be discontinued, the Dis trict being fully protected by the bond now required to be taken for the repair of any defective work that may be done under contract. If this be done it is estimated that the District will then save between \$20,000 and \$30,000 a year, which it is now paying, by reason of the fact that the contractors in estimating on the cost of the work in-clude therein the interest charge for to \$8.041,523.68, carrying the money deposited in the phich, with the District's share of un- Treasury under the present retent law.

the census informs the Commissioners

Improvement in Administration.

enactment of necessary legislation to

Assessed value of improvements 182,013,53	1 0
Total assessed value of real estate June 30, 1915 \$390,088,54 Total assessed value of real estate June 30, 1914 \$35,124,14	4
Increase	51

Personal Property.	
Classes of property and rate of tax. Assessment. Sonal property, at 1½ per cent. Significant of the control	Tar. \$517,962,35 32,161,76 15,810,11 75,875,60 71,822,05 118,240,65 129,250,04 201,570,74 201,570,74
Total 1915 . \$51,341,826,17 at 1914	\$1,275,827.31 1,230,091.87
Increase	\$45,735.44

nent.	
number of special assessment	Year 1915.
s served during the year was	Increases on account of— Bealty taxes
readways 30,215.14 ements and repairs. 4,870.92 ection of suburbau and pipe and suburbau and pipe and suburbau	Aggregate count of \$858, Decreases as account of \$33,000.85 Special relimburable tages \$51.54 Effections (57)

cial fund), United States 16,977.13 Assessments levied by juries during the year ended June 30, 1915:
Street extensions \$56,263.17
Minor streets and alleys. 5,692.69

Exempt Property. The following table is submitted as showing the value of all property in

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axation: [prop	erty to go	to tax sale	can be divi
Assessed value of United States property. fain buildings nettutions arks and reservations discellaneous	Land value. \$46,071,274 17,767,301 65,307,274 4,456,661	Improve- ments value. \$59,893,000 23,519,900 8,974,200 1,588,950	Total. \$105,964,274 41,287,201 74,281,474 6,045,611
Total	\$133,602,510	\$93.976,050	\$227,578,560
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Total	\$3,753,789	\$8,223,000	\$11,976,789
teligious, educational, charitable and benevolentinstitu- tions and all other exemptions	\$10,773,136	\$14,038,780	\$24,811,916
teles of Calembia	140, 148, 400	116,237,830	264,367,265
triet of Columbia		**********	396,550,898

Yearly Assessment.

by the board of three assistant asses-

the census informs the Commissioners that its estimate of the population of the District on July 1, 1915, is 358,679.

Improvement in Administration.

True Consideration in Deeds.

bring about a more economical and During the last five years several a court of equity and having such efficient conduct of the business of the

	Proprietable is 45	Market Market Control
Personal Property.		
er cent on gross earnings ent on gross earnings, less in-	Assesament. \$34,530,823.53 1,106,067.66	Tar. \$517,962.35 32,161.76
t on gross earnings gross earnings ross earnings Railway Co. at 5 per cent on	395,252.66 1,896,894.85 1,795,551.15 2,864,812.95	15.810.11 75.875.60 71.822.05 118.240.65
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	\$1,341,826,17 48,803,613.70	\$1,275,827.31 1,230,091.87
	\$2,538,212.47	845 735 44

ded into the following classes Real estate is assessed triennially (28 pressed financially, and consequently Stat., 282) at not less than two-thirds cannot conveniently part with the of its true value (act of July 1, 1902) amount of money required to meet this obligation, and who are willing to obligation, and who are willing to wait and pay the high rate of interest wait and pay the high rate of interest or, more properly, the penalty in the triennial assessment of 1915 and to no with the knowledge that before considerable progress has been made on the new triennial assessment for the years 1918-1920. The time of hearing of appeals for the next triennial assessment will be during the spring of 1917. The yearly assessment against the property hefore a deed is issued to properly, the penalty in the penalty in the properly, the penalty in the properly the penalty in the properly, the penalty in the properly the penalty in the prop

law, are now paid their salaries semi-monthly instead of monthly, as previous to January 1, 1915.)

Cash payments for salaries, witnesses, and jurors' fees, etc., amounted to approximately 80,000 in number and \$\frac{37}{2}\$.

30,842.29 in amount.

As part of the precaution looking toward the accurate and honest administration of the disbursing office may be mentioned a daily balance, audited and approved by the District auditor; as general monthly closing of all accounts and the contract of the prompt bursing officer; the bonding of the district of the prompt and \$\frac{1}{2}\$.

Treasury officials.

Treasury officials are force; a close a final review by the United States Treasury officials.

Treasury officials are force in the insurance laws since 1902, but the payment of accounts with merchants, accounts with merchants accounts with merchants accounts with merchants accounts with merchants accounts during the year, no loss occurred through miscalculation or error of destrictation and bare successful to the counts for receivers where the three successful to the counts for receivers where the counts with merchants accounts with merchants accounts with merchants accounts with merchants and authority for the department to pay the counts of receivers where the first of the prominent among which is the insurance laws since 1902, but the instruction of mutual co-operative concerns account so the prompt payment of accounts with merchants and authority for the department are at their disposal and their is prominent among which is the insurance of the disposal and the insurance and the insurance and complete co-operation of which Hon, A. I. Vorys is the preparation and draft of a law covering insurance, which the district markets produce uniform legislation on this subject throughout the limited States and the proparation and draft of a law covering insurance, which the district markets produce unifo

ending June 30, 1915, amounted to \$1,555,922.18, embracing supplies and materials of every conceivable nature,
which may be classified generally as

clusive of casualty, amounted to \$179,92,174.02, as shown by the following
may be licensed to do public weighing
exhibit:

which may be classified generally as

Construction materials used in sewer, road and street work. Hardware, plumbing supplies, paints, oils, lumber. Fuel Forage, including livery and borse-shoeing 204,548.14 184,662.53 shoeing
Food supplies
Books, playground, athletic and
kindergarten supplies
Furniture, housefurnishings, office 43,459,12 Firefighting apparatus and sun plies Machinery, engines, boilers and repairs thereto Printing, engraving, binding, blank cal and laboratory supplies 25,897.05
166 Saddlery 12,228.67
17 Transportation 14,290.50
Telephone service 7,70.11
Ice 6,366.31
Inventory at close of business June 30, 1915, discloses that the District at that time had stock of construction materials in the various property yards In the CORPORATION COUNSES.

| Corporation 23,303.97 | expenses of operating the department amounted to \$10,684.09. The insurance companies and associations transacting business here on December 31, 1914, amounted to \$5,382.096,490.63; liability ties, \$4,385,978.555.79; surplus, including capital, \$996,117,934.99.
| Total 5,355.922.18 | There were seventeen companies admitted to the District; eleven withdrew or refused license. The work of the department has increased steadily and there is urgent need for an addition to the force. The the seem no increase of the insurance companies and need for an addition to the force of the seem of the companies with the seem of the department has increased steadily and there is urgent ship the companies of the department has increased steadily and there is urgent ship the companies and previous transacting business here on December 31, 1914, amounted to \$5,382.096,490.63; liability ties, \$4,385,978,555.79; surplus, including capital, \$996,117,934.99.

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CORPORATION COUNSES

In the Supreme Court of the United States one case appealed by the Dis-

which, with the Districts share of unphices, \$45,32-54, gives a resulting credit
\$4,310,422.15.

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The attention of Congress is invited to the need of providing legislation of the end of providing legislation of the profession of t

51.289.69
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On December 31, 1914. 256 insurance companies and associations had been licensed to transact business here.
The revenue collected by the department during 1914 consisted of \$18,531.61 for license fees and \$84,241.50 for taxes on premiums, making a total of \$102,32,623.07
31.288.30
32.186.68
On December 31, 1914. 256 insurance companies. The new system has not yet been in operation long enough to justify any estimate of its merits.

Lumber and Wood.
During the year \$,138,963 square feet of merchantable lumber were in spected and graded and 554,319 square feet operating the department of the companies and associations had been not yet been in operation long enough to justify any estimate of its merits.

increased from \$67,077.47 in 1902 and \$102,773.11 in 1914.

This department has three main functions to perform: (1) To study velop in usefulness to this city only so fast as the city provides better facilities for the accommodation of its products upon arrival.

Wholesale Market District.

The greatest savings to be made for the consumers of the District are to be gained through better organization of the wholesale markets. The wholesale district is now badly located, being isolated from either railway or water ginla avenue southeast.

Mount Pleasant, 14th street and Park road northwest.

New York Avenue, 1st street and New York avenue northwest.

Neighborhood House, 470 N street southwest.

Rosedale, 17th and Kramer streets tribution to meet as it should the demands of the highly intelligent constituency to which it ministers.

Virginia Avenue, 10th street and Virginia avenue southeast.

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In the Police Court 23.504 informatics available which combines these advantages with good trolley connection, available which combines these advantages with good trolley connection, on land which is at present unutilized. At the water gateway to this site this department is now erecting suitable which combines these advantages with good trolley connection, on land which is at present unutilized. At the water gateway to this site this department is now erecting suitable which combines these advantages with good trolley connection, on land which is at present unutilized. At the water gateway to this site this department is now erecting suitable which combines these advantages with good trolley connection. Willow Tree Park, 3d and 4½, B and C streets southwest. The total number of children attending the playgrounds was 971,980. Some of these playgrounds were the other than the policy connection. Willow Tree Park, 3d and 4½, B and C streets southwest. The total number of children attending the playgrounds were the other than the policy connection. Willow Tree Park, 3d and 4½, B and C streets southwest. The total number of children attending the playgrounds were the other than the policy connection. Willow Tree Park, 3d and 4½, B and C streets southwest. The total number of children attending the playgrounds were the playgrounds were the total number of the other than the policy connection. Willow Tree Park, 3d and 4½, B and C streets southwest. The total number of children attending the playgrounds were the pla In the Police Court 23,504 informations were filed against offenders, and fines aggregating \$83,915.51 were collected.

In the Juvenile Court of this Distinct This new market will establish and the properties of the wholesale distinct the properties of the wholesale distinct the properties of the wholesale distinct the properties of t

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Losses Risks paid. written. \$2,051,876.19 . \$21,351,660.84 4.023.906.85 \$7,042,311.46 \$3,439,351.27 \$179.092,174.02

of merchantable lumber were in-spected and graded and 554,319 square feet condemned; gross fees collected amounted to \$2,599.91; expenses, \$862.73; net fees retained for services, \$1,737.18. Fourteen thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven and fiveeighths cords of wood were measured and graded, net fees amounting to

\$1,248.04, retained for services.

Public Wharves.

The careful treatment accorded to shippers at the public wharves, with the certainty of impartial consideration and justice to the smallest shipper or boat owner, has resulted in steady increase of business done at these points. Extension of this service is greatly to be desired. Washington has the certainty of impartial consideration and justice to the smallest shipper thus far made but the scantiest use of the resources of the Potomac valley, a great producing section, which will de-

Fifteen playgrounds were maintained

during 1914-15: Bloomingdale, 1st and Bryant streets northwest.

Bruen Home, 33d and O streets northwest.

west, Georgetown, 33d street and Volta with other branches of the public serv-

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Day Schools The total enrollment of pupils for the Total 28,021 29,512 57,53 The total enrollment of pupils was distributed as follows: Class of pupils. Total 39.655 17.878 37.550 The total enrollment shows an increase of 970, or 1.71 per cent more than that of the previous year.

The average enrollment was 51,062, or 2.82 per cent above that of the previous year.

The average daily attendance was 48,016.

Grand total Night Schools.

White. Colored. Total The Free Public Library.

The report of the board of trustees of

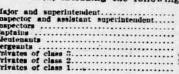
the Free Public Library (with which is included the report of the librarian DEPARTMENT OF PLAYGROUNDS to the trustees) makes an impressive showing of the constantly enlarging and steadily improving quality of the work of this exceedingly useful division of the public educational service of the District. The record of Washington's municipal library is the more noteworthy in view of the facts, as sev avenue southeast.

Gallinger, 19th and E streets north-reports by comparisons with other shown again and again in the library give proper measurements; (3) to op-give proper measurements; (3) to op-give proper measurements; (3) to op-place northwest.

Montessori, 1840 Kalorama road been operated on an exceedingly Mount Pleasant, 14th street and Park meager and inadequate basis of finan-

The library trustees are justified in their pride in the library's record of where the same and the same agreements of the business of the business of the same agreements of the same agreement of the same agreements of the same agreement of the s

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